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Utah Woman Feted At 90

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Rachel Fortie Giles was born in Alchewmore, Lancashire, England, April 19, 1850. Early in life she was left fatherless, so it became her duty to help support the large family by working in the silk mills. The family joined the L. D. S. church and the mother and the younger children sailed for America, arriving in Utah in 1862.

She married Alexander Fortie in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City December 31, 1868. They moved to Wanship where Mr. Fortie worked on the railroad in Echo canyon. Later they came to Heber City, where Mr. Fortie erected many of the substantial buildings of the town especially the Wasatch stake tabernacle of which he was the architect and under his direction and supervision it was constructed. Mr. Fortie passed away April 23, 1890, leaving his wife and three children. In March 1893, she married Wm. M. Giles, a widower with a family of ten children, eight of them living home. They raised this family until they all had homes of their own. Then Mr. Giles passed away in 1928. Mrs. Giles lives

in her home and is cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Pamela Chuff. Happy Birthday Greetings To "Aunt Rachel" Fortie Giles

Oh, I remember you're ninety today
So congratulations I send,
To you whom I love and always
admire,
A sincere and constant friend.

A life full of worth, of cheer and
content,
While working your earthly
way—
Raising your family and others too,
That's why I most earnestly
pray—

That you may keep well while
life is dear,
Constant care by life's embrace
The grandest things that the earth
can give,
Adorn your dwelling place.
With love,
Jane Hatch Turner

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She is also survived by 24 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Seven of her great-grandsons are in the armed forces of the United States.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all those who gave their assistance in any way during the illness and death of our beloved mother.

For the aid given in the home and words of condolence in speech and song, the floral offerings and expressions of sympathy we extend our deepest thanks.

The Fortie and Giles Families

